
Subject: Re: faster then where possible?

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Fri, 08 May 2009 11:58:17 GMT

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On May 7, 11:06 am, rog...@googlemail.com wrote:

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> Hi,
> i'm searching for some alternative approaches to compute the following
> "much" faster:
>
> -> matrix1 has m columns and n rows, matrix2 has 2 columns and n rows
> -> the values in matrix2 are NOT in matrix1, but within the min-max-
> range of matrix1
>
> szm1=size(matrix1,/dimensions)
> szm2=size(matrix2,/dimensions)
> index={ind:ptr_new()}
> indices=replicate(index,szm2[1])
>
> for j=0ull,szm1[1] do begin
>   helpindex= where(matrix1[* ,j] ge matrix2[0,j] and matrix1[* ,j] le
> matrix2[1,j],c)
>   if c gt 0 then begin
>     indices[j] = ptr_new(uintarr(c))
>     (*indices)[j]=helpindex
>   endif else continue
> endfor
>
> It seems to be a typical Nearest-Neighbor-Problem, but all alternative
> approaches I tried were always slower. Maybe someone here has a good
> idea?
>
> Thank you and best regards
>
> Christian
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I don't suppose the data in the rows of matrix1 are sorted? If so, you could use VALUE_LOCATE to figure out the bounds.

-Jeremy.
